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RE: MUR 5581
Arizona Republican Party and
Woody Martin, in his official
capacity as Treasurer

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Arizona Republican Party, I write as its Executive Director to respond to the Federal Election Commission's Matter Under Review No. 5581. The Commission's Analysis indicates a view that the Party's prior response to the Commission's inquiry may have been misleading because it did not provide information to disclose payment made to Sproul & Associates.

We apologize for causing any additional work for the Commission's staff and had no intention of providing less than a sufficient response to the prior inquiry. Please accept my sincere apology if we have done so.

To the point raised by the Analysis, the Party did engage Sproul & Associates as a consultant to assist the Party in its efforts to register voters, and conduct its telephone and mail efforts to "get out the vote" for the Party's 2004 Victory program. It was for these efforts that the Party engaged and paid Sproul & Associates.

While the Party has long supported all efforts to provide ballot access to all candidates, at no time did the Party hire or pay Nathan Sproul or Sproul & Associates to solicit signatures for Nader for President 2004. I have included my Affidavit stating these points for your files.

I also wish to note that the basis for this investigation appears to have originated by two articles that have at their root an unsubstantiated claim by the former Chairman of the Arizona Democratic Party. As stated in the original article, when asked to provide any proof for his allegations, Mr. Peterson admitted that "he had none." See Arizona Republic, June 8, 2004, "GOP Aids Nader, Dem Says; Accused Official Denies Paying for Signature Drive."

Again, please accept my personal apology for causing the Commission's staff any additional work. I hope I have responded to the issues sufficiently to allow you to close this matter. Please contact me if I can be of any additional assistance.

Sincerely,

Bill Christiansen
Executive Director

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BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION

CASE No. MUR 5581

AFFIDAVIT OF WILLIAM CHRISTIANSEN

STATE OF ARIZONA)
) SS.
COUNTY OF MARICOPA)

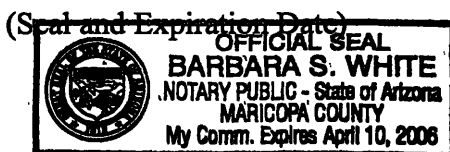
William Christiansen, first being duly sworn upon oath deposes and states that:

1. He is the Executive Director of the Arizona Republican Party.
2. The following statements are made on behalf of the Arizona Republican Party.
3. The Arizona Republican Party engaged Sproul & Associates, Inc. as a consultant to assist the Party in its efforts to register voters, and conduct its telephone and mail efforts to "get out the vote" for the Party's 2004 Victory program.
4. The Arizona Republican Party did not hire or pay Nathan Sproul individually, or Sproul & Associates, Inc., to solicit signatures for Nader for President 2004.
5. The undersigned affirms that all statements in this Affidavit are true and correct and the undersigned acknowledges that any false statements may subject the undersigned to penalties relating to perjury and subornation of perjury.



William Christiansen, Affiant
Executive Director
Arizona Republican Party

The foregoing instrument was sworn to before me this 15 day of August 2005 by William Christiansen.





Notary Public

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